

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending in the above-identified application.

***Restriction Requirement***

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1, 3-5 and 19;

Group II, claims 6-10; and

Group III, claims 11-18.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 3-5 and 19.**

***Election Requirement***

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species A;

Species B;

Species C;

Species D;

Species E;

Species F;

Species G;

Species H;

Species I;

Species J;

Species K;

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species H, aliphatic acids or esters of aliphatic acids and alcohols, without traverse.

Applicants note that although the Examiner asserts that Species H relates to “aliphatic acids or esters of aliphatic acids and aliphatic alcohols”, however, Applicants believe that Species H actually relates to “aliphatic acids or esters of aliphatic acids and alcohols”.

#### CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Registration No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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